

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 3114–3142 and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 80; and H. Res. 426–428 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3078, to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (H. Rept. 112–237);

H.R. 3079, to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement (H. Rept. 112–238);

H.R. 3080, to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 112–239);

H. Res. 425, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2832) to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3078) to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3079) to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3080) to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (H. Rept. 112–240); and

H.R. 2349, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to annually assess the skills of certain employees and managers of the Veterans Benefits Administration, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 112–241).

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Cement Sector Regulatory Relief Act of 2011: The House passed H.R. 2681, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for cement manufacturing facilities, by a recorded vote of 262 ayes to 161 noes, Roll No. 764. Consideration of the measure began yesterday, October 5th.

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Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 247 noes, Roll No. 763.

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Rejected:

Cohen amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that was debated on October 5th that sought to insert a subparagraph relating to potential reductions in the number of illness-related absences from work due to

respiratory or other illnesses (by a recorded vote of 172 ayes to 248 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 760);

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Keating amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that was debated on October 5th that sought to insert a paragraph relating to a date for compliance with standards and requirements under such regulation in accordance with section 112(i)(3) of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 162 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 761); and

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Edwards amendment (No. 3 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that was debated on October 5th that sought to add a section that finds that if the rules specified in section 3(b) remain in effect, they will yield annual public health benefits of \$6,700,000,000 to \$18,000,000,000, while the costs of such rules are \$926,000,000 to \$950,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 165 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 762).

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H. Res. 419, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2681) and (H.R. 2250) was agreed to on Tuesday, October 4th.

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Jackson announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution.

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EPA Regulatory Relief Act of 2011: The House began consideration of H.R. 2250, to provide additional time for the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue achievable standards for industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, process heaters, and incinerators. Further proceedings were postponed.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule.

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Rejected:

Waxman amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section to instruct the EPA Administrator not to delay actions to reduce emissions from waste incinerators or industrial boilers at chemical facilities, oil refineries, or large manufacturing facilities (by a recorded vote of 167 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 766);

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Rush amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a subsection stating that section 5 is intended

to supplement the provisions of, and shall not be construed to supersede any requirement, limitation, or other provision of, sections 112 and 129 of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 156 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 767); **Pages H6651–52, H6658–59**

Hahn amendment (No. 15 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a new subsection relating to the Ten Metropolitan Areas of the United States with the Worst Air Quality (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 768); **Pages H6652–53, H6659–60**

Capps amendment (No. 16 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to add a section to include findings for health costs and benefits for the rules specified in section 3(b) (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 769); and **Pages H6653–54, H6660**

Doyle amendment (No. 4 printed in the Congressional Record of October 4, 2011) that sought to insert paragraphs relating to a date for compliance with standards and requirements under such regulation in accordance with section 112(i)(3) of the Clean Air Act (by a recorded vote of 147 ayes to 251 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 770). **Pages H6654–56, H6660–61**

H. Res. 419, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2681) and (H.R. 2250) was agreed to on Tuesday, October 4th.

Question of Privilege: The Chair ruled that the resolution offered by Representative Jackson (IL) did not constitute a question of the privileges of the House. Subsequently, Representative Jackson (IL) appealed the ruling of the chair and Representative Whitfield moved to table the appeal. Agreed to the motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair by a yea-and-nay vote of 231 yeas to 173 nays, Roll No. 765. **Pages H6656–57**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it shall meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, October 11th for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H6665**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 10 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6638–39, H6639–40, H6640, H6642, H6642–43, H6657, H6658, H6658–59, H6659–60, H6660, H6660–61. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DOD’S FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Committee on Armed Services: Panel on Defense Financial Management and Auditability Reform held a hearing entitled “Is the Financial Management Workforce Positioned to Achieve DOD’s Financial Improvement Goals?” Testimony was heard from Sandra A. Gregory, Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) Office of Financial Workforce Management, Department of Defense; Mary Sally Matiella, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management and Comptroller), Department of the Army; Gladys J. Commons, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller), Department of the Navy; and Jamie M. Morin, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Financial Management and Comptroller), Department of the Air Force.

CHEMICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy held a hearing entitled “Chemical Risk Assessment: What Works for Jobs and the Economy?” Testimony was heard from Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency; David C. Trimble, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council.” Testimony was heard from Timothy Geithner, Secretary, Department of the Treasury.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE TO THE HOUSING CRISIS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled “The Obama Administration’s Response to the Housing Crisis.” Testimony was heard from Tammye Trevino, Administrator, Housing and Community Facilities Programs, Rural Development Agency, Department of Agriculture; Carol Galante, Acting Federal Housing Administration Commissioner and Assistant Secretary for Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Darius Kingsley, Deputy Chief, Homeownership Preservation Office, U.S. Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.